

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The drawing filed 10/15/2007 is accepted.
3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Robert D. McDowell, Reg. No. 59062, on 10/21/2008.
4. The claims had been amended as follow:
  - a. Claim 1,  
line 4, replace "storage and execution blocks" with -- memory and the execution block --;  
line 5, replace "storage block" with -- memory--;
  - b. Claim 11, line 12, insert after "spawned " -- ,wherein said selection of the second thread from among a plurality of active threads comprises selecting the second thread in a selected one of a round-robin basis, a fixed priority basis, and a rotating priority basis --;

c. Cancel claim 17.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer N. To whose telephone number is (571) 272-7212. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T 6AM- 3:30 PM, F 6AM- 2:30 PM.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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